

MEMORADUM FOR ALL Resource Management Officers, Finance and Accounting Officers

SUBJECT: Changes to CEFMS for Civil Cost Sharing Projects

1. Please reference CEFC-S message dated 21 July, 1999, Subject: Cost Share Proportionate Share Release Notice.
2. The purpose of this message is to provide current information on pending changes in CEFMS functionality for cost sharing projects, announce plans to host a joint workshop on Civil Cost Sharing, and to announce the **delay of final implementation** of the new edits until after the workshop is conducted.
3. The referenced message announced the release of new CEFMS programming to identify cost share proportionate share requirements and provided a description of this new functionality. The changes include new view screens, reports which identify cost share project(s) for which additional sponsor funds are required, and monthly e-mail messages identifying funding shortfalls to the Finance and Accounting Officer and to the person responsible for managing the cost share project. Warning messages will appear when a user enters funding or when a purchase request and commitment (PR&C) is certified for a cost share project for which either the Corps or the sponsor(s) proportionate share requirement have not been met. We had previously planned to eliminate the warning messages for PR&Cs on 1 October 1999 and not permit the PR&C to be certified until the proportionate share requirements had been met.
4. Given the amount of EMAIL traffic related to this subject, the apparent lack of understanding of the financial requirements, and confusion in general we have determined that we should delay implementation of the functionality related to "not" permitting the certification of the PR&C until after the joint workshop. We have requested that the Chief of the Finance and Accounting Division at Headquarters, Mr. Steve Butler, reconfirm the overall financial policy and coordinate the new requirements with Directorate of Civil Works and Office of Counsel so we can jointly develop the content and timing of the cost sharing workshop. This workshop should clear-up any misunderstandings about the regulatory guidance, structure of cost sharing projects in CEFMS, and the day to day operation of cost sharing projects in CEFMS. The workshop dates will be determined later but should be sometime between 15 October and 15 November 1999.
5. Final implementation of the edits associated with PR&Cs for cost sharing projects will be delayed until completion of the cost sharing workshop. If you have additional questions, please call me at 901-874-8410 or my POC, Mr. Tommy Pond, CEFC-S, (256) 864 1800.



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